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Environment Department to Conduct Demonstration of Surface Water Quality Testing September 7 near Placitas

(Santa Fe, NM) -- The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau will demonstrate surface water sampling techniques on September 7, 2005 at Sandia Man Cave on Las Huertas Creek, Tres Amigos Road in Las Placitas, from 10:30am – Noon.

The Surface Water Quality Bureau will demonstrate various types of water quality monitoring techniques, including water chemistry and biological habitat. Bureau representatives will discuss the purpose of study, water quality concerns identified in the watershed, and how the study is conducted.

To get to the testing site, take State Road 165 in Placitas, turn left at Camino del Tecolote, left on Camino de la Rosa Castilla, and left on Tres Amigos.

Participants are asked to bring plenty of water and sun / rain protection. Anyone with questions about surface water quality and the Bureaus' programs and activities is encouraged to attend.

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